MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST DAY.

Tuesday, 21st February 1956.

The House met in the Legislative Assembly Hall, Atara Kacheri, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA, B.SC., LL.B.) in the Chair.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Acts assented to by His Highness the Rajpramukh or the President.

SECRETARY.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement showing the Acts which have received the assent of His Highness the Rajpramukh or the President subsequent to the previous report made during the last session.

ADDRESS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE RAJPRAMUKH ON MONDAY, THE 20TH FEBRUARY 1956.

MEMBERS OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I AM glad to be with you and address you at the commencement of the first Session of the Legislature for the year 1956. All of you are devoted to the service of the country imbued with a spirit of selfless service. I am confident that your deliberations will help the country to achieve further progress and prosperity.

Last year, when I addressed you, I advised you to take wise decisions uninfluenced by personal or communal considerations in the matter of reorganisation of States. Since then, you have taken a decision in favour of an enlarged State comprising the present Mysore State, the adjoining Coorg State and the predominantly Kannada-speaking areas of Bombay, Hyderabad and Madras States. The population of the State bceomes doubled and the area increases from

33,000 sq. miles to about 73,750 sq. miles. There are still a few small areas whose people have made representations to my Government as well as to the Government of India requesting that they be merged in the Mysore State. I hope that the voluntary and earnest request of these people will be granted by the Government of India.

The decision so taken by you has, I am aware, occasioned some dissatisfaction in the State. But, on the whole, the people in general have welcomed the expansion of the State. This is a historic event and we have to play our role with grace and goodwill. My Government were actively considering how best to bring about the integration of the said adjoining areas into the State of Mysore, and they are now confronted with another proposal of a greater historical significance, *viz.*, the formation of a bigger bi-lingual or tri-lingual State in the South of India. This proposal has come up for consideration somewhat suddenly. It is a proposal intended to bring into existence bigger multi-lingual States to ensure unity, harmony and speedy economic progress. It is true that this proposal, if implemented, would give rise to many administrative difficulties. How far these difficulties can, if at all, be solved will further tax your ability for adjustment. This proposal deserves patriotic and dispassionate consideration. We have to remember that our country, India, is divided into various States for administrative convenience. People in these administrative units are not different nations, and the use of different languages in the country should not be allowed to

Before I conclude I must state in clear terms the ideal my Government wishes to pursue. That ideal is a Socialist pattern of society which is free, to the extent possible, from man-made inequalities between the haves and the have-nots. Illiteracy and ill health have to be wiped out. Every one must not only be able to secure gainful employment but also work earnestly for the good of the country. That society must not be merely a society which promotes physical well-being but also provide opportunity for moral and spiritual development. The Sarvodaya ideal and the Socialist pattern of society must harmonise into a synthesis. Our present ideas of society, institutions and individual responsibility must so change as to ensure the speedy achievement of this declared ideal. Conclusion

I have great pleasure in wishing you success in your deliberations.

Report by the Speaker to the Assembly of His Highness the Maharaja's Address.

Mr. SPEAKER.—As required by Rule 14 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I report that His Highness the Maharaja was pleased to address the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council assembled together on the 20th instant and I place a copy of the Address on the Table of the House.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. SPEAKER.—Questions 39, 279, 280, 281, 398 may be taken up together.

Formation of Dakshina Pradesh (Chief Ministers' meeting with the Prime Minister).

Q.—39. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Madras, Mysore and Travancore-Cochin had been arranged some time in the month of February 1956 ;

(*b*) if so, what transpired at the meeting ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There was no formal meeting. There were only informal consultations.

(*b*) Does not arise.